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SUBJECT: CYPRUS SITUATION AUGUST 7

1. GOCYPRUS COMPLAINING OF (AND UNFICYP CONFIRMS)
TURKISH MILITARY ACTIVITY AROUND WEST END OF KYRENIA RANGE.
TURKS APPEAR TO BE SECURING KORNOS PEAK AND ROAD FROM VASSILIA
TO AGRIDHAKI. SHELLING OF MAIN ROAD AT PANAGRA, COMMENCING 1000
LOCAL, APPARENTLY INTENDED SIMPLY FOR INTERDICTION. (DETAILS BY
DATT IR.) PATTERN SUGGESTS TURKS PLAN TO SECURE ENTIRE TOP OF
WESTERN KYRENIA RANGE. KARAVAS AND LAPITHOS APPARENTLY SECURED AFTER
TUESDAY ATTACKS. GREEKS COMPLAINING OF TURKISH FORWARD MOVE-
MENT WED AM AT YEROLAKKOS, BUT UNFICYP DESCRIBES AS MINOR PATROL
WHICH WAS PERSUADED BY UNFICYP TO WITHDRAW.

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2. FAMAGUSTA DEADLOCK CONTINUES, WITH TURKS ON NORTH END OF QUAY,

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BARRICADING NEW POSITION. (THEY ALREADY CONTROLLED LAND ACCESS TO QUAY.) GREEKS ANGRY THAT UNFICYP INTERVENED BUT HAS PERMITTED TURKS TO CONSOLIDATE GAINS. ISSUE NOW RESTS WITH ANKARA, AND UNFICYP POLAD BELIEVES UNFICYP HAS LOST FACE WITH TURKS AND CREDIT WITH GREEKS.

3. UNFICYP POLAD NOW RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING TURKISH ADMINISTRATION INFORMED OF WHAT IT IS DOING FOR TURKS IN GREEK AREAS, PLANS TO BRIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER THIS AFTERNOON AND IF POSSIBLE PROVIDE WRITTEN REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES HENCEFORTH. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH TURKS ARE PRESSING UNFICYP TO TAKE ACTIONS UNDER PARA 3 (B) AND (C) OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, UNFICYP DOES NOT FEEL IT HAS AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT. ASSUMES IT IS UP TO CLERIDES TO ORDER NG WITHDRAWAL, BUT RECOGNIZES POLITICAL DIFFICULTY FOR HIM. UNFICYP EXPECTS ISSUE WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TOMORROW IN GENEVA.

4. NEW ACTING DIRGEN FONMIN FRANGOS TELLS US THAT DOROS PIERIDES, WHO ACTED BRIEFLY IN THAT CAPACITY, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ATHENS YESTERDAY AS NEW AMBASSADOR. (NOTE: SINCE HE PRESUMABLY HAS CREDENTIALS AND LETTER OF RECALL FOR PREDECESSOR, THIS MAY PRESENT GOGREECE WITH NASTY DECISION. WE COULD NOT LEARN WHETHER ATHENS HAD CONCURRED IN PROPOSED APPOINTMENT.)
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